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Colonel Leader Reduces Number of German Invaders to Come.

Hearing Col. Leader, formerly of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, at Hazlet Hall last Saturday night, we were a good deal relieved to learn that he had reduced his estimate of the German forces that are to sail up here from South America and invade the Pacific Northwest from 400,000, as he originally estimated them, to 30,000 or 40,000, and had also concluded after seeing our Home Guard that a few companies of that sort would speedily wipe up the earth with that German horde. He insisted, however, that all military men agreed with him, as did also the class that put the verb at the end of the sentence, that such an invasion was planned and that the German General Staff had made plans for such an invasion years ago. He also asserted, as we understood it, that the ships to bring such a crowd up to this section were only a day's sail away or such a matter—which is utterly preposterous and absurd.

In listening to Col. Leader we had a sort of fellow feeling for another man he told about, who once attended one of his meetings and when asked how he liked the speech, said that the only foreign language he spoke was Chinook. For the Colonel, who is not to blame that the wounds he has suffered have made him a nervous wreck, and who is a highly educated Irishman, talks so rapidly and with so much of a brogue that a reporter finds great difficulty in attempting to follow him.

He complained of the meeting beginning forty minutes late and said the delay had driven the speech he intended to make out of his head. Then as soon as he began he insisted that the door should be closed and not another person admitted and the Home Guard followed his instructions with the result that about half his intended hearers were left on the street.

His address consisted mostly of a series of interesting war stories, which were heartily appreciated by the audience though some which had to do with the Catholic padres in France were severely criticized by members of the church affected.

Referring to the Coquille Home Guards, which were out in their new uniforms for the first time that evening, he complimented them highly and said, "If the efficient, good looking body of men I've seen here to-night are a sample of what's going on all over the state and there are only 10,000 men like the body I saw here to-night, and Fritz does want to come, by —, he's welcome."

He told a story of a husky specimen who tried to enlist in this country and who gave his age as 41. Being informed that no one over forty could go into the army, it was suggested that he take a walk and think over the matter and see if he hadn't made a mistake. In a little while he came back and corrected himself explaining that he had got mixed on figures and that he was only 38—it was his mother who was 41. Of course he was accepted then.

The finest speech that has been made in the war was by General Pershing, when he walked up to Lafayette's tomb, kneeled and bared his head, and said, "Lafayette, the Americans have come."

Another story was about the black man who was an American lieutenant in China at the time of the Boxer troubles. A couple of fresh young privates thought it beneath their dignity to give this lieutenant a salute as military rules require. After they had met him a second time without the salute he hung his coat with its insignia on a branch and told them, "I don't care anything about myself, but if you pass that uniform of your country again without saluting, I'll knock your d— heads together."

Another anecdote to illustrate how we would compromise with Germany when it came to making terms of peace. There was a man whose wife preferred calico for a dress while his wife was set on having linen. "We compromised," he remarked, "and she wears linen."

Then there was the tale of the goat at Gallipoli. An Irish regiment had taken it along as a mascot. It got to smelling so loud that the other troops had to hold their noses when they met it. One day they captured

an old Turk and bets were made as to which carried the most offensive odor, the goat or the Turk. Assembled in a hut they brought in the goat and the judge fainted. Then they brought in the Turk and the goat fainted.

"Who goes there?" asked the sentry, in another anecdote.

"The army Chaplain," was the response.

"Pass Charley Chaplin," and "All is well."

Here is one on the Scotch, who he said have governed England for the past twenty years. After driving the Boches out of a French town, a kilted Highland regiment noted German inscriptions everywhere, reading, "God strafe England," meaning "God punish England." Those Scotchmen forgot everything else until they had rubbed out "England" in every one of these maledictions and written in "Great Britain." They couldn't think of being left out in the cursing.

Exhorting the American people to put forth all their energies to win the war Colonel Leader predicted that if they did the streets of Berlin would yet "echo to the tread of your armed host."

BEEES OVER TOP EARLY

M. O. Hooton had one of the surprises of his life Tuesday, April 30, when he lifted the cover from one of his 18 bee hives and found not only every section filled with honey but the bees filling up the space between the sections and the cover. This is certainly a record breaker, due to the sunshine which was so much in evidence last month. The source of this honey was the maple and willow blossoms; but with the apple orchards all coming into bloom there is still plenty of raw material to keep up the good work.

Last year Mr. Hooton says the bees had done practically nothing before the 15th of July and he expected the year's honey crop would be an entire failure. The abundant fire weed on burned over land, however, saved the day, and he took \$60 worth out of 15 hives.

He thinks the man who isn't keeping bees now is missing a big opportunity to do something towards Hooverizing in sugar and replacing it with a more wholesome substitute. Certainly hives full of honey by May first presage a great crop in Southwestern Oregon. If people would only look after our undeveloped resources in the food line as closely as the Germans do, we could almost feed the world. Get a beehive and start an apiary. More honey will not win the war but it will enable us to keep our allies much better supplied with sugar and sharpen their fighting edge.

He Gets an Ugly Blow.

Jno. Kerrigan received a nasty blow at the ferry here last Friday morning which will keep him idle for six weeks or more. He was starting to lower the cable for the Charm to pass over, but before he had time to unwind it the boat came with a rush and struck the wire, causing the crank handle to spin. His left hand was caught by the rapidly flying crank with a blow that broke four bones—one at the wrist joint and three in the hand. A little more care by steamboat captains would obviate the danger of such accidents.

Plenty of Sugar for Canning

The Federal Food Administration in this state announces that in filling out the required certificates showing how much sugar they have heretofore used for canning each family will be allowed to buy enough for use for that purpose—but in no case to exceed 100 pounds. For domestic purpose sales are restricted to \$1.00 worth at a time and the consumption aside from what is used for canning must be limited to 3 pounds per month for each member of the family.

Evelyn Oerding a Winner?

Evelyn Oerding is the probable winner for April of the Simpson prize for the greatest number of Thrift Stamps sold in Coos county schools of over five rooms. While it has not been officially announced, her sales run over 8,000 stamps or \$2,000 for the month. All her sales were in small amounts except one of \$200.

The Myrtle Point Home Guards will give a Military Ball at that place tomorrow (Saturday) evening, to which everyone is invited.

TOGO 75 PERCENT

That Will Probably Be Coquille's Over Subscription to 3rd Liberty Loan.

The subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan have increased over \$10,000 in the Coquille district since our last report. Of this \$7,500 is credited to the district from the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., although the transaction does not pass through the local bank.

The total number of subscribers for this loan is 533 with a total subscribed of \$61,700. There is in sight and which will be subscribed by tomorrow evening \$6,000 to \$7,000 more which will bring the Coquille district up close to the \$70,000 mark or a 75 per cent over subscription.

The following is the list of those subscribing since our last report:

- C. C. Hatcher, \$50.
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dungey, \$50.
- Bonnie G. Selander, \$50.
- R. E. Abell, \$50.
- J. L. Barker, Jr., \$100.
- Ernest A. Krewson, \$50.
- Belva A. Bond, \$50.
- Blythe V. Bond, \$50.
- Geo. A. Colvin, \$50.
- F. C. Pursley, \$50.
- L. H. Hazard, \$500.
- J. C. Watson, \$1,000.
- B. R. Kingsbury, \$500.
- W. H. Lyons, \$50.
- Kall John, \$50.
- Lucy E. Davis, \$50.
- Geo. S. Davis, \$50.
- C. A. Gage, \$50.
- J. A. Lamb, \$50.
- Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. \$50.
- Elizabeth May Clark, \$50.
- H. Richard Lukens, \$50.
- W. A. Custer, \$50.
- C. A. Pettengill, \$50.
- A. C. Lukens, \$50.
- Mrs. A. C. Lukens, \$50.
- Keith Leslie, \$50.
- Mildred Norton, \$50.
- M. O. Warner, \$50.
- R. J. Galbraith, \$300.
- Southern Pacific Co., \$500.
- First National Bank, \$2,000.

More "Kingdom Come" Work.

Mrs. Edith Carpenter was brought up here from Bandon Tuesday by Capt. Wells charged with having scattered some of those notorious "Kingdom Come" sheets, in relation to "The Finished Mystery," Pastor Russell's 7th volume, with its opposition to all war. Mrs. Carpenter had not sold any of those books since they have been banned by the government and the Sheriff's office was unable to see how she had violated any law by distributing the "Kingdom Come" sheet, which to the Sentinel man appears entirely innocuous. Mrs. Carpenter was accompanied by her son, who is a soldier in the U. S. Army, and whose furlough expired the next day, and she was permitted to go home with him.

Wife Will Take the School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clifford Loyd, of Prosper, were callers last Friday. He was on his way to join the colors, and Mrs. Loyd will take his place as teacher in the school at Prosper. Mr. Loyd said he and his nearest neighbor living diagonally across the street were both in the list, and with numbers very close together had hoped to get into the same company. Instead, he goes to American Lake and his drum to Fort McDowell in California.

Condensary at Standstill.

After what the Sentinel has published about the reason why the U. S. government will not accept a lot of canned milk stored in the Willamette valley, it is not at all surprising to hear that the opening of the Bandon condensary has been indefinitely postponed. The proprietors are Giebisch & Joplin; and as they already have 40,000 cases of condensed milk at their McMinnville condensary, they don't care to pile up any more at present until they see where they are going to get off with it.

Bigger Gardens Than Ever.

In looking over the city, we find much more land plowed and planted in gardens than ever before; but only one man, so far, venturesome enough to repeat the experiment of cultivating raw clay parkings, as was done in so many places last year. No amount of irrigation availed to secure a crop then under such a handicap.

CONTRACT IS LET

Anderson & Klockers Will Build Coos City Bridge—Other Court Work.

The bids were opened for the Coos City bridge over Isthmus Inlet on Wednesday and were as follows:

- Anderson & Klockers.....\$12,064.50
- Ostlund & Payne.....\$12,596.25
- Portland Bridge Co.\$13,000.00

The last bid was not submitted in regular form but by long distance telephone.

The contract was awarded to Anderson & Klockers, who have until Oct. 1 to complete the work. It is a wooden bridge with draw span.

The matter of the Ladd & Harris warrant was disposed of by assigning the \$2719.88 to the Surety company on their agreement to settle labor and material claims to the amount of \$1,232.23 to pay the \$656.75 bill of the Coos Bay Iron Works and to apply the \$829.90 remaining on the claim of the First National Bank of this city.

The balance of the Bank's claim Ladd & Harris agree to settle. John C. Kendall, A. J. Sherwood and J. W. Laird appeared before the court in behalf of the different claimants to whom the contractors were indebted.

The court has decided to have a thousand feet of Bear creek road south of the Coquille-Bandon road near the Thomas Devereux place relocated.

The Bandon Heights Land Co. was allowed a refund of \$39.31 taxes, that amount having been paid twice on a lot which was assessed both in the Bandon Heights addition to Bandon and in Extension of Bandon Heights Addition.

The controversy as to the location of a new road up Larson Slough north of the Bay was aired in court yesterday. The petition for a road on the north side of the slough was knocked out on account of technical defects, and now another petition is being prepared for a road on the south side. The parties appearing for the north side proposition were Lewis Weir, E. W. Shively, Henry Gustafson, Wm. Blackmore, W. S. Forrest, H. A. Walker and John Hanson.

With Julius Larson against the north side proposition appeared W. U. Douglas, Simon Erickson, Joseph Kenowen and Fred Lackstrom.

The viewers were ordered to go out to Larson Slough and inspect and report upon both the proposed roads—north side and south side.

The resolution about the Powers road came up again after having been twice postponed on account of defective petitions. An order will be made at this term for the viewers to inspect and report on this road.

The Roadmaster was directed to prepare plans and specification for the bridge across the South Coquille between Powers and North Powers.

A widow's pension of \$40 a month was awarded to Mrs. S. H. McAdams, of Coquille, who has four dependent children.

We Will Keep Our Doctors.

Dr. Willhite solved one problem by deciding to go to Montana instead of remaining in Coquille. Had he stayed here Uncle Sam would have insisted on commandeering the services of one of our two other physicians for war service; but two doctors are deemed necessary for this city and the contiguous territory, so that Doctors Richmond and Hamilton will both be left to serve in the future, as they have so capably and indefatigably in the past.

Big Flag Ready to Fly.

The 10x20 flag which the city ordered and which will fly from the flag pole opposite the Liberty Temple, arrived Wednesday evening and will be flung to the breeze in a day or so. A two-man detail of the Home Guard will be appointed each week to raise Old Glory at sunrise and lower it at sunset.

Ray Hyde Back Again.

After spending a year in the east, Ray Hyde returned to Coos county last Friday evening. He made the trip both ways in an auto going to Michigan last spring in a 6-cylinder car and returning from Florida in a Ford. He was in from McKinley Wednesday and said it took him a month to make the trip from Florida. He had a great bunch of stories to tell of his year's experiences.

Had the U-Boats Guessing.

Yesterday's press reports carried the following dispatch from "An Atlantic Port:"

A British freight steamer celebrated her maiden trans-Atlantic voyage by running down and sinking a German U-boat off the Irish coast, the crew reported on its arrival here.

The freighter is equipped with the latest anti-submarine devices which proved effective. The submarine came to the surface a short distance from the freighter and before the submarine's commander could puzzle out through the freighter's camouflage whether she was going or coming the freighter ran down the submarine.

Edward Boyrie Very Ill.

Yesterday Mrs. M. C. Boyrie received a long distance telephone message from Portland informing her that her son, Edward R. Boyrie, was very ill with pneumonia and not expected to survive. This morning Mrs. Boyrie started for Portland accompanied by her son, C. A. Boyrie, and her daughter, Mrs. Flora Johnson.

KILLED BY SPEED FIEND

The wild flight of an automobile driven by E. G. Wetzler resulted in the death of Dan Dillinger, 55, painful injuries to the driver and serious bruises and wounds to John Koontz, Sunday night on the Marshfield-North Bend water-level highway.

Wetzler and Koontz were in the machine, which criss-crossed the 24-foot thoroughfare several times within a short distance, and then dashed through a protective railing between the highway and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. Fate was unkind to the unfortunate man who was killed, for he was following the rails to avoid autos, which use that portion of the highway for a speedway.

Following an inquest Monday afternoon, in which the jury declared the death was caused by reckless driving, District Attorney John F. Hall issued a warrant for Wetzler, charging him with murder.

The authorities declared Monday that they propose making an example of Wetzler, who, according to the six eyewitnesses, was driving at great speed and lost control of his machine. Examination of the automobile after the smash disclosed the engine was running at top speed.

Murlin Chappelle, a driver of the Gorst & King company, was commended for coolness and credited with saving his load of passengers. Chappelle, who was meeting the wild auto, would have been directly in line of the plunge had he not stopped his car a few feet from the scene, instead of trying to dodge the expected collision.

District Attorney Hall says he thinks the charge in this case will be changed from murder in the second degree to manslaughter as Dillinger was probably outside of the roadway when struck.

How Third Loan Differs.

In regard to the Third Liberty Loan Bonds, it is explained that they can be sold just as readily as the bonds of the first and second loans. The last ones, however, differ from the others in two respects. They draw one quarter per cent additional interest, and they will not be exchangeable for any issues hereafter made that bear a higher rate of interest. The latter is the only respect in which the Third Liberty Loan bonds have anything over the second. The First issue had another advantage in not being taxable under any circumstances; but those since then are free from taxation in amounts up to \$5,000, which doesn't make any difference to ninety out of a hundred investors here—only some banks and a few large investors will be affected in Coos county.

Sengstacken Saves the Day.

In place of the champagne which had so mysteriously been transformed to chunks of coal on its way up from San Francisco in a baggage car, the "Coos Bay," the first ship to glide from the ways of the Coos Bay Shipbuilding Co. at Marshfield, was christened with a bottle of 27-year-old wine kindly furnished by Henry Sengstacken.

Simpson is reported to be growing steadily as a candidate for Governor and his friends are growing more confident every day that he will go over the top at the May primaries.

KERR IS COMING

President of O. A. C. Will Address Big War Meeting Here May 10.

"Suppose France should collapse as a result of lack of food, due to the unwillingness or neglect of America to make the necessary sacrifice to supply her soldiers and citizens, what would become of the rapidly growing American Army at the French front?"

This is one of the disquieting possibilities of the food shortage mentioned by W. J. Kerr, President of the Oregon Agricultural College, in his series of talks on food and the war, which he is giving in Oregon as a representative of the United States government.

Dr. Kerr will speak in Coquille, Friday evening, May 10, at 8:00 p. m. He will also speak at North Bend, May 8, and Marshfield, May 9.

"How America, and especially Oregon, can best respond to the demands for increased food production, insuring the food supplies essential to the successful prosecution of the war, will be dealt with in the most practical way by Dr. Kerr, who has just returned from a food production and conservation conference with the officials of the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Food Administration.

The wheat shortage in the allied countries is 624 million bushels. Their only source of supply is the United States, which has a normal consumption of approximately the amount produced. French rations have been cut down one-half. The effect of the shortage are disclosed in a statement from the French commissioner, Andrew Tardieu, who says:

"France has reached the limit of sacrifice and suffering behind the lines. Unless America, by similar sacrifices comes to her immediate aid, when she does arrive with her full military strength she may find the conditions upon which victory depends entirely changed. Unless every farmer, shopkeeper, hotel man, citizen cooperates with the food administration in sacrificing profits, England and Italy, as well as France, will face a state of depletion that will undermine the morale of the people."

Dr. Kerr is directly representing the government and is delivering the message of the Nation to its loyal citizens. All who have the welfare of their country at heart are asked to come out to the meetings and help create a sentiment of saving for victory in this war wherein the liberty of mankind is at stake.

Arrangements for this address in Coquille are being made under the auspices of the Coquille War Board, and the office of the County Agent.

About "Stool Pigeons."

As to so-called stool pigeons, whatever cranky notions some juries may have, it is our judgment after a quarter of a century's observation of unsuccessful efforts to enforce prohibition laws that without employing detectives, no officer is ever going to go over the top in enforcing bone dry laws. The men who try to ruin our boys and make dunks of them to secure the big profits to be made in bootlegging are not so derved squeamish that we need to hunt them with blank cartridges and feather pillows only. The newspaper influences that have been trying to create a sentiment against the employment of detectives in the apprehension of criminals have not been friendly but rather averse to law enforcement.

Stick to the Farm.

The only way to get any work done on the farm now days is to do it yourself. Not much chance of hiring it done. No one seems to be very crazy about working on a farm when they can get higher wages in the ship yards, mills and logging camps.

Nevertheless, we claim that a man will have more money at the end of the year by working on the farm for \$65 and board (which is the average wage paid here now) than by working in any of the above mentioned places, where he has to pay out a great deal of his wages for board and room and many other extra expenses and chances to spend his money amid the bright lights, that he would not do down on the farm with the milk pail on his arm.

Butter Wrappers and Trespass Signs at the Sentinel office.